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1. The following troops and materiel were detrained at the LUCKENWALDE (N 53° 2' 70) freight station the morning of 22 August 1949:

a. 250 to 300 troops wearing red-bordered, black epaulets.

b. 19 open three-axle trucks, loaded with ammunition boxes, sacks and clothing. The trucks were marked with the crossed-gun barrel insignia

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c. 18 antiaircraft guns of about 50 mm caliber, with about 7-foot gun barrels.

2. Every fifth car of the train carried a machine gun mounted on a tripod as antiaircraft protection. The guns which were covered with tarpaulins had outrigger-type gun mounts.

3. After detraining, the troops, in convoys of two or three vehicles, each towing a gun, left in the direction of the town center.

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the observed troops belonged to the 2497th AAA Regt (Cadre) of the 14th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre). The regiment is assumed to be stationed in the JUETERBOG-LUCKENWALDE area. The train very probably came from the Letzling Heath, where all antiaircraft artillery units of the Soviet Zone of Germany have alternated in summer maneuvers since May 1949.

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